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For: A GEL COMPOSITION FOR	)	
SKIN CARE AND PROTECTION)	)	
AND A METHOD OF	)	
PREPARATION THEREOF	)	

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**REVISIONS TO CLAIMS 1-6**

1. (Amended) A gel composition useful for skin care and protection comprising:  
30% to 80% w/w [Dead Sea] water having a TDS value between 25% and 40% and  
having an ion composition resembling Dead Sea water;

[hydrophobic active agent selected from vegetable oils, free fatty acids and vitamins;  
and/or hydrophilic agent selected from humectants,  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids, anti irritant agents, plant  
extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins;].

a solubilizer[s];

a gelling agent[s] or viscosity modifier[s]; and

deionized water to complete [up] to 100%.

2. (Amended) The [A] gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the gel  
composition is a clear [liquid] gel.

3. (Amended) The [A] gel composition according to claim [1] 14 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: tween-20, oleth-20, tween-80, ceteth-20 and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60 [and the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate and xanthan gum].

4. (Amended) The [A] gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant[s and fragrances].

5. (Amended) A gel composition [according to the claim 4 wherein the composition contains the following components in weight percent,] comprising:

[Dead Sea water] 30.0% [-] to 80.0% w/w water having a TDS value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition resembling Dead Sea water;

[solubilizer up] 0.2% to 4.0% w/w solubilizer;

[hydrophilic active agent] up to 3.0% w/w hydrophilic active agent;

[gelling agent] 0.7% [-] to 1.2% w/w gelling agent;

[hydrophobic active agent] up to 0.8% w/w hydrophobic active agent;

[fragrance] up to 0.4% w/w fragrance;

[anti oxidant] 0.05% [-] to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and

deionized water to complete to 100%.

6. (Amended) The [A] gel composition according to claim 4 wherein the antioxidant[s are] is selected from the group consisting of: [BHA] butylated hydroxy anisole, [BHT] butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium [EDTA] ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid [and the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from lavender oil, patchouli oil and sandalwood oil].